

WAR DECLARATION ENTAILS ARMS BAN

Tokio Move Expected to Force Roosevelt Use of Neutral Law.

By the Associated Press.
If Japan formally declares war on China, State Department officials said today, it would be difficult for President Roosevelt to refrain from invoking embargo provisions of the American Neutrality Act.

The act bans shipments of war supplies to both belligerents whenever the President declares a state of war exists. Some observers contended its invocation would aid Japan, which has greater facilities than China for making munitions.

House Action Cheers Officials.
Officials studying the Far Eastern situation said they were encouraged by House refusal to consider the Ludlow war referendum proposal, which President Roosevelt had declared "would cripple any President in his conduct of our foreign relations."

House leaders said the 209 to 188 vote had strengthened the administration's foreign policy and at the same time augured well for any new naval construction which the President might recommend.

The most crucial point involved in the possible Japanese declaration of war on China, observers commented, lay in the blockade Japan might seek to impose against all foreign shipping in the war zone.

During December the State Department licensed the export of \$250,000 worth of munitions to Japan and \$290,632 to China. If the Neutrality Act were invoked, no such purchases would be permitted in the future.

In addition, the President could require that other purchases made by belligerents in this country be on a cash-and-carry basis.

6,000 Americans in China.
Secretary Hull, reporting to the Senate that there are still about 6,000 Americans in China, summed up the Government's attitude as one of primary concern over maintenance of "orderly processes" in foreign relations.

"This interest," he said, "far transcends in importance the value of American trade with China or American investment in China. It transcends even the question of safeguarding the immediate welfare of American citizens in China."

Administration leaders in the House, discussing reports that a new fleet expansion program was near submission, expressed the opinion privately that the Ludlow vote meant the majority of House members was committed to a policy of preparedness.

There were reports that Mr. Roosevelt would ask for about \$60,000,000 for two new battleships.

Admiral Leahy, chief of naval operations, said after a White House conference yesterday that the plans under discussion contemplated new legislation.

"This was taken to mean that cruisers and aircraft carriers were contemplated, since these are the only major type of vessels not authorized under existing law."

Vote Split Party Lines.
Party lines were split in the vote on the proposal of Representative Ludlow, Democrat, of Indiana. His resolution called for a constitutional amendment which would prevent Congress from declaring war until authorized by a majority of the citizens, voting in a national referendum. This would not apply when the United States was invaded.

The decision reversed the wishes of the House majority—218 members—who last month signed a petition for the amendment's consideration.

The National Council for Prevention of War, representing a group of peace organizations favoring the legislation, said in a statement last night that "the fight has just begun."

"The exhibition of presidential control of Congress in peace time shows clearly," it said, "that Congress cannot be counted upon to check the administration in any war crisis. It is a clear argument for the necessity of giving the people themselves the right to vote on war issues."

NAVY GETS SHIP MODELS

\$300,000 Collection of Late Col. Rogers Arrives at Academy.

ANNAPOLIS, Jan. 11 (P).—The Naval Academy began unloading ship models—\$300,000 worth of them—yesterday.

The collection was gathered by the late Col. Henry E. Rogers, who left it to the academy. The models will be placed in the academy museum and opened to the public in a few weeks.

Two freight cars were required to move the collection here from New York.

Elected to Supreme Soviet



M. V. Korytkina, order-bearer of a hog farm, is shown as she examined the certificate issued to her by the Cherepovets District Election Commission confirming her election as deputy to the Supreme Soviet of the U. S. S. R.

Numbers

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will be firmly welded members of the ruthless Dutch Schultz mob—a group of killers, extortionists and terrorists that held the entire numbers business of Greater New York in an iron grip.

They were forced by Dutch's strong-arm men to join the mob, to surrender most of their profits. They wanted to quit, but they couldn't—the mob had promised to rub them out if they did, and they knew it meant what it said. They were valuable to Schultz because they had an established business in the numbers.

When the slain Dutch Schultz and 12 others were indicted last summer with evidence obtained by Thomas E. Dewey, Manhattan's new district attorney, Pompey and Ison were among the accused.

Pompey fled to Mexico. He was extradited and returned to New York the other day. Ison sought refuge in France. Located, he returned voluntarily.

Guarded From Mob.
They are ready, it is understood, to turn state's evidence whenever the mob is rounded up and the case brought to trial.

Meanwhile, they are under bond—with a police bodyguard, at their own request.

Among the several fugitives for whom New York detectives still pursue a wide-world search is "Bo" Weinberg, brother of George Weinberg, said to have been business manager of the mob.

"Bo," says the underworld grapevine, is in the East River, with his feet in a block of cement.

"Duke" Davis, the disbarred attorney who succeeded to the mob's leadership when Dutch was erased by shotgun slugs, is in hiding somewhere, with a \$5,000 reward for his capture. So are five others.

"We'll get them all," said an ace investigator of the New York City Police Department. "But most of them are broke, despite the millions they dealt in when the policy game was at its height, and a man on the lam needs money. If he starts pulling anything, he's apt to get caught and sure in that event to be identified."

What Washington Might Expect.
This is a tip-off to Washington, where crime has increased alarmingly as the numbers business has grown.

The reign of the racketeers in New York was marked by a continuous flow of inner crime waves that eddied through the canyons of Manhattan and the home communities of Brooklyn and the Bronx.

The same veteran detective said: "When you get big-time racketeers in control of things, hundreds of gorilla and little punks come in like camp followers. Looking for easy money. They know the mobs have the town organized and are going ahead without much hindrance, as they were in New York for more than 10 years."

"These small-time punks pull the stick-ups and housebreakings and petty extortion schemes. They figure the town's easy, since the racketeers are getting away with it."

"We had any number of hold-ups, burglaries and other crimes while the mob had a free hand. Robberies, assaults and murders were dropped off to a marked extent since Dewey drove out the racketeers."

They still play the numbers in New York, but to nothing like the extent they did, say the authorities, and the players no longer support with their small change a gang of desperadoes.

But Washington is known throughout the East as the city where "everybody plays the numbers."

And it's rapidly becoming known also as a city of crime and violence. The police know of at least one tie-

K STREET MART EXPANSION ASKED

West End Citizen Group Proposes D. C. Buy Adjoining Property.

A motion that eventually would call for the construction of a new third precinct station at Twentieth and K streets N.W. and the extension of a farmer's market over the remaining area on the south side of K street between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets was passed last night by the West End Citizens' Association.

The action calls for the purchase by the District government of all property between the present precinct station and Twentieth street which at present consists of one and two story structures, including a chain grocery on the corner, a furniture repair shop and a garage.

The motion, made by Grover Ayers, was passed by a unanimous vote. Under the plan the new precinct station would be constructed on the corner, with the farmers' market occupying the remainder of the block.

The action was taken following a lengthy discussion on the relief of the parking problem at the Western Market, an issue under consideration by District officials for several months.

A report of the association's action last night will be turned over to the Federation of Citizens' Associations for further consideration.

A motion, made by the group's treasurer, William R. Brown, calling for one-hour parking on both sides of Pennsylvania avenue N.W. between Nineteenth and Twentieth streets, also was passed.

up between a Capital numbers magnate and racketeers in another city. The man reported to do the biggest business here has three Philadelphia partners. The Philadelphia police can tell you plenty about the partners.

Philadelphia, at the moment, is in the throes of two separate and at times conflicting investigations.

A special county grand jury, in session several months, and promising to sit for months longer, was called by Common Pleas Judge Curtis Bok—a grandson of the late Cyrus H. K. Curtis—to sift to the bottom charges of collusion between the underworld and the police in the operation of vice and gambling rackets.

The Ruth legislative committee is investigating Philadelphia's courts. Nobody knows what will come out of the two sensational inquiries, but meanwhile the atmosphere is tense with expectancy and those who operate the numbers and other rackets are reported to have moved their headquarters to Camden, N. J., as a precaution. They can do business as easily from across the river.

Charges and counter-charges have split Philadelphia into belligerent factions.

This reporter asked a Philadelphia official what caused most of the trouble and he said:

"Gambling rackets. They always do."

The last of a series of articles on District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey, in the January 15 issue of the Saturday Evening Post, contains a detailed description of New York's \$100,000,000 numbers racket.

JAPANESE READY TO RENEW MARCH

Troops Prepared for Next Operation, 'if Necessary,' Says Spokesman.

By the Associated Press.
SHANGHAI, Jan. 11.—The Japanese army spokesman announced enigmatically today that Japanese forces were "prepared for the next operation if necessary."

He gave no hint of the objective of the "next operation" or of the conditions implied by "if necessary."

China's warfronts, the spokesman said, were quiet. Japanese planes rained bombs on the Hankow airfield and three newly discovered Chinese airfields in the interior. Japanese forces in Shantung Province pushed westward from Tsingtao, which they occupied without resistance yesterday and southward toward the Lunghai Railway in a drive to trap thousands of Chinese troops.

Forts Fired Upon.
On China's Southern coast, a Japanese cruiser and destroyer exchanged shells with Chinese Boca Tigris forts guarding the river approach to Canton, the Southern metropolis.

The destroyer retired, apparently hit, after attempting to land a battalion of marines on Sampanshow Island. Four British-owned river vessels ran the gauntlet of shellfire to safety.

A Japanese push against South China to choke the flow of war supplies from the British crown colony of Hongkong to Canton and thence to Hankow has been expected for several weeks.

Heavy Troop Movements.
Heavy movement of Japanese troops and artillery from the interior to the coast were reported in Shanghai. Since they did not arrive here, it was believed the troops were reinforcements for Japanese attempts to consolidate their gains at Hangchow, some 100 miles southwest of Shanghai, for a drive to the West.

Foreign advisers from Hankow said 24 Japanese bombers "flying very high" dropped 100 bombs on the airfield there. Clouds of smoke indicated the bombs were burning.

The new raids on Chinese airbases were designed to cripple reorganization of Mm. Chiang Kai-shek's air force.

60 Seized for Looting.
Japanese forces who took over Tsingtao arrested 60 Chinese accused of looting. Most Japanese residences and business properties had been damaged or destroyed, but the city's utilities were in operation.

With Tsingtao in Japanese hands, Japanese were expected to occupy the Shantung Railway leading to Tsinan, a conquered provincial capital, as a routine operation with only a comparatively small number of troops.

Japanese in Shanghai took another step in their campaign to establish governmental bodies friendly to Nippon by setting up an autonomous commission to govern Nantao, the old Chinese city.

Chinese Face Trap.
By the Associated Press.
TIENTSIN, Jan. 11 (delayed).—Japanese North China armies, within striking distance of the Lunghai Railroad, threatened today to bottle up thousands of Chinese troops.

After capturing Yenchow, 100 miles north of the important Lunghai Junction at Suchow, Japanese sent out flying columns which took over Tsoiswan, 15 miles to the south, and Chinghsiang, to the west.

Rapid advance of mobile columns across the Eastern Shantung plains threatened to cut off the retreat of enormous Chinese forces in Shantung. Southern Hopeh and Northern Kiangsu Provinces.

Chinese divisions south of Suowu would be able to retreat across country to the west, but those in Shantung Province faced the possibility that their Lunghai route to Loyang would be severed.

Unless the Chinese withdrew by forced marches off the main highway, observers said, they would be caught between the Yellow River and the Lunghai, China's main east-west railway.

Nicaragua is shipping its entire cotton crop to Germany.

Snow King's First Visit a Short One



The first snow of the season here, which "stuck" in the suburbs, but made little impression in the downtown section of the city. This pretty scene was made along one of the drives in Rock Creek Park.

Taxes

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Advisory Committee on Taxation, which recommended a general sales tax and an increase in the Federal payment toward District expenses from \$5,000,000 to \$7,500,000 a year as a means of raising sufficient revenue to balance the 1939 budget.

Hasen Is Questioned.
Chairman Nichols questioned Commissioner Hasen relative to the occupation of the personnel of that committee and then remarked it seemed "a bit peculiar" to him that "a group of men representing business and civic groups object to the business privilege tax and that they themselves want to take this burden off of business."

And he added, "I likewise can't understand why the general public is so interested in the trials and vicissitudes of business."

"The Commissioners didn't pack that committee," Commissioner Hasen retorted.

The hearing also was marked by a clash between Mr. Dirksen and Representative Arnold, Democrat, of Illinois, over the merits of the sales tax in operation in that State.

Mr. Arnold pointed out the sales tax in Illinois had "saved" the State financially.

"The sales tax in Illinois is the biggest abomination that ever hit the State," argued Mr. Dirksen.

Favor Sales Tax.
Commissioner Hasen explained that 90 per cent of the 4,500 members of the Washington Board of Trade favor a sales tax.

"I'm not convinced," Mr. Dirksen declared, "that a good majority of the people here don't want a sales tax, particularly the poorly paid workers."

Mr. Dirksen then cited statistics showing what the 3 per cent sales tax in Illinois extracted a year from its citizens.

A family with an income of \$1,000, he said, pays \$18.27 a year; a family with \$2,000, \$14.82; a family with \$3,000, \$12.82; a family with \$5,000, \$11.79, and a family with \$10,000 or more, \$9.51. These figures, he explained, are based on \$1,000 of expenditures.

"This is conclusive evidence," he declared, "as to who pays the sales tax."

Sees \$3,000,000 Produced.
Resuming his argument in favor of continuation of the business privilege tax, Chairman Nichols said he is confident this levy would produce the estimated \$3,000,000 a year in additional revenue when the collection machinery is functioning perfectly. Latest estimates of the yield for this year placed the figure at \$2,500,000.

The present business privilege tax calls for a levy of two-fifths of 1 per cent on gross receipts. Mr. Arnold suggested it might be raised to 1 per cent as a means of raising all the revenue needed to keep the District

STRONG DEFENSE URGED AS PEACE INSURANCE

Head of Reserve Officers' Association Asks 30 Pct. More for Navy, 50 Pct. More for Army.

An increase of 30 per cent in the naval appropriation and of 50 per cent in the amount allocated for the Army in next year's budget was urged today in a statement by Col. William B. Roosevelt, jr., president of the Reserve Officers' Association.

Col. Roosevelt said the Army today is far below the strength provided in the National Defense Act for our minimum needs.

"It is not reasonable," he said, "to withhold funds from the national defense any longer. To do so may be equivalent to national suicide. The proposed Federal budget for next year includes over \$1,000,000,000 for relief, largely arising from the wreckage of the World War; another billion dollars is included for interest on the Federal debt; another billion dollars for public works, agriculture and the C. C. C., mostly to correct the dislocations resulting from the World War, and a half a billion dollars for cripples, widows and orphans of war."

"In other words, the citizens of the United States must pay nearly \$4,000,000,000 next year (no principal payments included) largely because we were not prepared in 1917 with a complete and powerful military establishment that might have ended the World War by our mere threat of participation."

AGED PAIR REMARRIED

Man, 60, and Woman, 83, Decide Divorce Was Mistake.

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Jan. 11 (P).—After 11 years, E. B. Cooper, 60, and Mrs. Mary Ann Brasfield, 83, decided their divorce was a mistake.

They were remarried here yesterday. They were first married in 1923. The marriage yesterday was Mr. Cooper's fifth and Mrs. Brasfield's fourth.

JAMES WICK DIES; SENATE REPORTER

Copeland and Austin Praise Veteran Official—Rites Set Thursday.

James R. Wick, a member of the staff of official reporters of Senate proceedings for 20 years, died yesterday afternoon following a brief illness. As soon as word of his death reached the Capitol, Senators Copeland, Democrat, of New York and Austin, Republican, of Vermont paid tribute in the Senate to the veteran official's career and the high regard in which he was held by Senators.

Until a few weeks ago Mr. Wick was on the job, taking his regular turn with the other official reporters in recording the progress of Senate debate. He was taken ill before the regular session got under way January 3. He died at his farm, Dunrovin, near Boonesboro, Md.

Mr. Wick, who was 65, had a Washington residence at 2226 Thirtieth place N.W. His death was due to a heart ailment.

The death caused Senator Copeland, who is a physician as well as a legislator, to warn Senators to watch their physical condition, pointing out the severe strain under which many of them work. The Senator recalled how Mr. Wick for nearly 20 years was one of the six men who take down every word said on the Senate floor and then dash to a room on the floor below to dictate material for the Congressional Record.

Surviving Mr. Wick are his widow, three sons, Frank W. Wick, this city; Capt. Albert J. and Dr. Richard M. Wick, both of Philadelphia; three brothers, Dr. W. W. and Fred A. Wick, both of Seattle, Wash., and Alben W. Wick, Portland, Ore., and four grandchildren.

The body is to be taken to Hines' funeral home, 2901 Fourteenth street N.W. Funeral services will be held here at 9 a.m. Thursday, the place to be decided later.

Mr. Wick came here from Topeka, Kan., where he started in the shorthand reporting business. He joined the staff of official Senate reporters in 1918.

The Department of Agriculture estimates that annual pig production has dropped 4,000,000 head but expects a big increase in 1938.

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GEORGE H. BEACH DIES; TAXI COMPANY FOUNDER

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George H. Beach, 65, founder and owner of the Anacostia Taxicab Co., died suddenly early today at his home at 1108 Good Hope road S.E.

Mr. Beach, a native of this city, founded the cab company about eight years ago. He entered the transportation business more than 23 years ago, conducting a bus service for Eastern High School students who lived in Anacostia. The unsatisfactory street car service from the then sparsely settled community caused his business to flourish. Friends recalled today that Mr. Beach would make three or more trips each morning and return for the children after school.

Mr. Beach is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Townsend, who lived with him, her husband being in the Marine Corps. His wife died about six years ago.

Funeral services will be at St. Theresa's Catholic Church on Thursday morning. Burial will be in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

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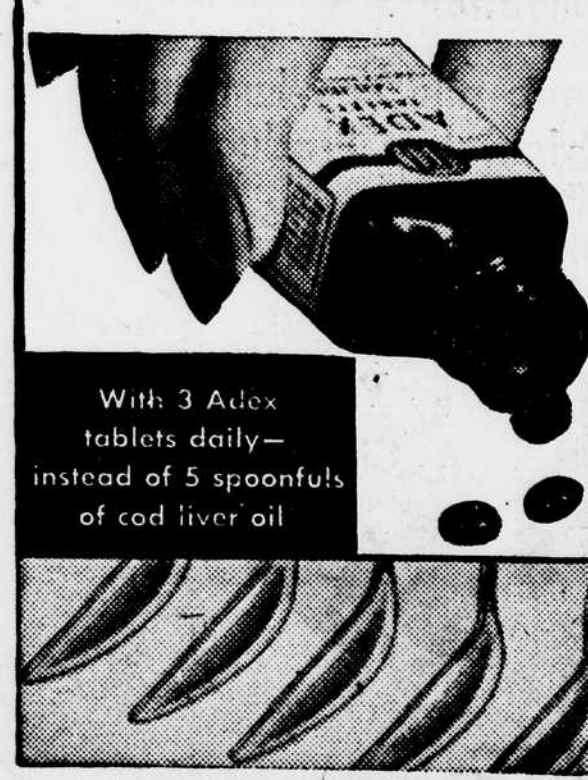
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